



PATENT

Our Docket: 56548-014

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Dale R. Pfof)
Serial No: 10/034,882)
Filed: December 27, 2001)
For: METHODS OF IDENTIFYING)
OPTIMAL DRUG COMBINATIONS)
AND COMPOSITIONS THEREOF)
Commissioner for Patents)
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Examiner: A. Chakrabarti
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Office Action mailed
January 13, 2003, Applicants respectfully request consideration
of the following Remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 59 are pending. The Examiner alleges that
the claims are directed to four distinct and independent
inventions set forth as Groups I to IV as follows:

Group I: Claims 1 through 27, directed to nucleic
acids;

Group II: Claims 28 through 53 and 55 through 56,
directed to a nucleic acid hybridization
method;